

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to continuing chiropractic education;
 3 amending s. 460.408, F.S.; deleting a requirement that
 4 chiropractic continuing education be completed in a
 5 classroom setting; prohibiting the board from limiting
 6 the number of hours of continuing education courses a
 7 chiropractic physician may complete through distance
 8 learning; authorizing the board to make exceptions to
 9 meet continuing education requirements during a
 10 declared state of emergency; specifying who may teach
 11 board-approved continuing education courses; requiring
 12 the board to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Section 460.408, Florida Statutes, is amended
 17 to read:

18 460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.—

19 (1) The board shall require licensees to periodically
 20 demonstrate their professional competence as a condition of
 21 renewal of a license by completing up to 40 ~~contact-classroom~~
 22 hours of continuing education.

23 (a) Continuing education courses sponsored by chiropractic
 24 colleges whose graduates are eligible for examination under any
 25 provision of this chapter may be approved upon review by the

26 | board if all other requirements of board rules setting forth
 27 | criteria for course approval are met.

28 | (b) The board shall approve those courses that build upon
 29 | the basic courses required for the practice of chiropractic
 30 | medicine, and the board may also approve courses in adjunctive
 31 | modalities. Courses that consist of instruction in the use,
 32 | application, prescription, recommendation, or administration of
 33 | a specific company's brand of products or services are not
 34 | eligible for approval.

35 | (c) The board may not limit the number of approved
 36 | continuing education hours that may be completed through
 37 | distance learning.

38 | (2) The board may provide exceptions to ~~make exception~~
 39 | ~~from~~ the requirements of this section in emergency or hardship
 40 | cases and during a declared state of emergency in the state.

41 | (3) Courses shall be taught by a speaker or lecturer with
 42 | at least one of the following qualifications:

43 | (a) Holds a post-graduate degree, or bachelor's degree
 44 | with at least 2 years' experience in the subject matter taught;

45 | (b) Is a current faculty member of a chiropractic college
 46 | or school maintaining a standard and reputability approved by
 47 | the board or is a current faculty member at a medical or
 48 | osteopathic college or a university accredited by, or having
 49 | status with, an agency or its successors recognized and approved
 50 | by the United States Office of Education or the Council on Post-

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51 Secondary Accreditation; or

52 (c) Is a post-graduate level instructor of a chiropractic
53 college or school maintaining a standard and reputability
54 approved by the board, or a post-graduate level instructor at a
55 medical or osteopathic college or a university accredited by, or
56 has status with, an agency or its successor which is recognized
57 and approved by the United States Department of Education or the
58 Office of Post-Secondary Education.

59 (4)-(3) The board shall ~~may~~ adopt rules required to
60 implement ~~within the requirements of this section that are~~
61 ~~necessary for its implementation.~~

62 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.